

**Catch it Before
the Catch Basin!**



***A Clean
Environment is
Important
To All of Us!***

*In the City of Manhattan
Beach storm drains flow
directly to the beach and
the ocean without
treatment. Storm water*



*pollution can
cause human
and*

*environmental
health problems.*

*Storm water pollution
comes from a variety of
sources including oil, fuel,
and fluids, from vehicles
and heavy equipment,
pesticide runoff from
landscaping, and from
materials such as concrete,
mortar and soil from
construction activities.*

*The City of Manhattan
Beach is committed to
improving water quality
and reducing the amount of
pollutants that enter our
precious waterways.*

Storm Water Protection Program



TRASH

Trash and debris that enter the storm drain system eventually end up polluting our beaches and waterways. Trash not only pollutes our water and harms marine life, it can clog storm drains which results in floods during rainy weather. Best Management Practices or BMPs are procedures that help to prevent trash and other pollutants from entering our storm drains. Each of us can do our part to keep storm water clean. Using BMPs adds up to a pollution solution!



DUMPSTERS!



All trash must be placed inside dumpsters or containers until it can be hauled away. Dumpsters should **never** be allowed to overflow and should always be kept closed to prevent rainwater from entering. Never place liquid waste, leaky garbage bags, and hazardous waste in a dumpster or trash bin. Routinely check dumpsters for leaks and immediately contact your trash disposal company if leaks are found.

TRY IT DRY!

Instead of using a hose or pressure washing system, try a dry clean up method! Use mops, brooms or wire brushes to clean dumpsters, sidewalks, buildings, equipment, pavement, driveways, or other impervious surfaces. Use brooms and absorbents such as cat litter, sawdust or vermiculite to clean up small spills. Sweep up around dumpsters and other areas frequently to prevent trash from accumulating.

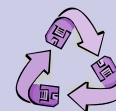


ONLY RAIN IN THE STORM DRAIN!

Identify and locate storm drains near your business or home where pollutants could flow from your dumpster or trash bin. The City has stencils you can use to paint your nearby storm drain to let everyone know that water flows to the ocean. If a storm drain is on your private property, check it frequently and clean out any debris.

RECYCLE! **RECYCLE!** RECYCLE!

Most trash and debris can be recycled and used for other purposes. Items such as cans, bottles, newspaper, office paper, and cardboard can be recycled at sites throughout the City. For information about recycling opportunities in your area call **310-802-5363**.



SPILLS

If an accidental spill occurs immediately use rags, a mop, or an absorbent and containment materials to prevent liquids from dumpsters and trash bins from entering the storm drain. Keep cleanup kits in places where they are easily accessible. Develop a spill response plan for your business and make sure your employees know what to do when spills occur. The City can work with you to develop a plan and BMPs for your specific business.



**For more information or to report an illegal
discharge, please call 310-802-5300**

